

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO UXEMBASSY LAGOS 2191

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7184

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 689

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECIN, DM, XY

SUBJ: ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

REF LAGOS 4060

1. EDITORIAL IN GOVT-CONTROLLED DAHO EXPRESS 23 MAY RE-AFFIRMED DAHOMEY'S SUPPORT FOR ECOWAS AS "THE CORRECT AND REALISTIC APPROACH TO CONTINENTAL UNITY". ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, DAHOMEY CANNOT ACCEPT A LANGUAGE-BASED REGIONAL GROUPING (READ CEAO) WHICH IS NOTHING BUT THE PRIVATE PRESERVE OF A FOREIGN POWER (READ FRANCE).

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT RE DAHOMEAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING.

3. ALTHOUGH PRES KEREKOU USUALLY DOES NOT ATTEND SUMMITS (HE LACKS SELF CONFIDENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND KNOWS HIS FELLOW PRESIDENT HAVE A LOW OPINION OF HIM), IT IS POSSIBLE HE WILL MAKE A TOKEN APPEARANCE AT THIS ONE TO PLEASE GEN GOWON  
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AND ALSO BECAUSE HE CAN GET BACK QUICKLY FRO NEXT-DOOR LAGOS.

DUE TO POLITICAL TENSIONS IN DAHOMEY AND HIS UNPOPULARITY,  
HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT TAKE THE RISK OF OVERNIGHTING OUT OF THE  
COUNTRY.  
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